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FOR SNEIDER FROM HOLBROOKE

EO 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: YOUR FEB. 9 CONVERSATION WITH FONMIN PAK

1. I NOTE THAT FONMIN TOLD YOU FEBRUARY 9 THAT PRESIDENT PAK HAD EXPRESSED PERSONAL REGRET THAT KOREAN GOVERNMENT HAD NOT BEEN INFORMED OF CONTENTS OF MONDALE'S DISCUSSION WITH JAPANESE ON KOREA BEFOREHAND. PLEASE REMIND FONMIN THAT THIS IS NOT THE CASE. AS YOU KNOW, I DISCUSSED IN DETAIL WITH AMBASSADOR HAHM U.S. POSITION ON KOREA THAT MONDALE WOULD BE CARRYING TO TOKYO IN ADVANCE OF MONDALE'S TRIP. THE DAY AFTER OUR RETURN, ON INSTRUCTIONS, I CALLED AMB. HAHM AND AGAIN WENT THROUGH THE ENTIRE DISCUSSION, AS YOU DID IN SEOUL AFTER BILL SHERMAN'S VISIT.

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FYI, PRESIDENT CARTER HAS INDICATED PUBLICLY HIS INTENTION TO GRADUALLY WITHDRAW AMERICAN GROUND TROOPS FROM KOREA. CRITICAL ISSUES, SUCH AS TIMING, COUNTERVAILING ACTIONS TO UPGRADE ROK SELF-DEFENSE CAPABILITY, AND OTHER ASSURANCES THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL REMAIN AN ASIAN PACIFIC POWER, ARE STILL UNDER DISCUSSION. AS HAS BEEN PUBLICLY STATED, ROKG WILL BE FULLY CONSULTED ON ALL ASPECTS OF THIS MOVE,

AND WE ARE WELL AWARE OF THEIR SENSITIVITY ON CONSULTATION
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